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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

James M McAleenan

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Period for Reply

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 - If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1 and 2 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1 and 2 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 30 September 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____. |
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1-2 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Tompkins (U.S. Patent Number 3,877,836). Tompkins discloses a rotor having a plurality of blades (28) around a vertical rotating shaft(18) (see Figures 1 and 4 and Col. 2, lines 18-54). Tompkins discloses each blade (28) being in the form of a bag of which the rear end portion with respect to the rotating direction there of is cut to form an opening an which has a fixed uniform cross section along the vertical rotating shaft (see Figures 1 and 4 and Col. 3, lines 15-39). Regarding claim 2, Tompkins discloses a guide plate (42) projecting in the rotating direction from the opening of the blade(28) (see Figures 1 and 4 and Col. 3, lines 13-39).

PRIOR ART

2. The prior art made of record but not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure and consists of 6 patents.

Brown et al. (U.S. Patent Number 5,503,525) is cited to show similar airfoil features as claimed by Applicant's invention.

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Rangi et al. (U.S. Patent Number 4,082,479) is cited to show similar airfoil features as claimed by Applicant's invention.

Seki et al. (U.S. Patent Number 4,247,253) is cited to show similar airfoil features as claimed by Applicant's invention.

Wuenschel (U.S. Patent Number 4,247,251) is cited to show similar airfoil features as claimed by Applicant's invention.

Pryor (U.S. Patent Number 4,383,801) is cited to show similar airfoil features as claimed by Applicant's invention.

Telford (U.S. Patent Number 4,137,009) is cited to show similar airfoil features as claimed by Applicant's invention.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to James M McAleenan whose telephone number is 703-308-2827. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:30-4:30 PM.


If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Edward Look can be reached on 703-308-1044. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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